

A BILL

FOR AN ACT FOR THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF FISH.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. No person shall place, erect, or cause to be placed or erected, across any of
2 the rivers, creeks, ponds, or lakes, or any outlets or inlets thereto, any trot line, seine, net,
3 wire trap, or dam, in such manner as to prevent or obstruct the free passage of fish, up, down,
4 or through such water-course, or for the purpose of taking or catching fish, unless the same be
5 done under the supervision of the fish commissioner, except minnows for bait, and these only
6 with a seine that does not exceed eight yards in length, standard measure. The word “min-
7 nows,” as used herein, does not include or apply to young bass, pike, crappies, trout, salmon,
8 or fry of any game fish, either foreign or native varieties, and all such fish, either young or
9 adult, so taken, shall be immediately returned to the waters from whence they were taken.

SEC. 2. No person shall place in any of the waters of the state any lime, ashes, drug or
2 medicates, bait, or shoot any gun, or use any dynamite, gun-cotton, giant-powder, or other
3 explosives, or any electrical machine or device, with the intent thereby to kill, injure, poison,
4 stupefy, or catch fish.

SEC. 3. Any person found guilty of a violation of the preceding sections of this act shall,
2 upon conviction before any justice of the peace, mayor of any incorporated town or city, or
3 any court of record, be fined not less than twenty-five or more than one hundred dollars, and
4 stand committed until such fine is paid.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the state fish commissioner to see that the provisions of
2 this act are enforced, and for that purpose he shall have the right to call to his assistance any
3 prosecuting attorney to prosecute all violations of this act in the county where such viola-
4 tions occur.

SEC. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent or in conflict with this act are hereby
2 repealed.

SEC. 6. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall be in force and take effect
2 from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers
3 published in Des Moines, Iowa.